

SELECTION

01-20 

55 ITEMS

Read the text.

Tennis

Tennis is one of the most popular sports in the world. Players use a racket to hit a ball back and forth over a net.

Tennis can be played with one person on each side of the net. When two people play on each side, it is called doubles.

The goal of the game is to hit the ball to the other side of the net. To win points a player hits the ball so that the other team can't hit the ball back.

A game usually takes three or four hours and players run fast.

Adapted from Mc Grow Hill



Select the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence, from the previous text.

1) The text is about how to _____.

- A run fast
- B be popular
- C play tennis
- D have a good racket

2) Tennis needs at least _____ on each side of the net to play it.

- A two nets
- B two balls
- C one person
- D two or four people

3) The goal of the game is _____ to score.

- A to hit the ball
- B to hit the racket
- C not to have a net
- D not to have a racket

Read the text.

Something About Sports

In Costa Rica, young people practice some sports such as surfing, jogging and chess, but there are not many people who enjoy them. Also, few adults and young people practice fishing. There is a new activity called canopy, an outdoor activity that takes place in the jungle.

Swimming is also a sport in which the sisters Sylvia and Claudia Poll have gotten many medals in very important world competitions. But our most popular sport, played in stadiums or in open fields in each town is a team sport in which the teams win by getting goals. It is soccer.

In the United States, the most popular sport is an indoor sport called baseball.

In Guatemala, during the Olympic Games of 2003, the team of Taekwondo wanted to get a medal in that martial art.

Choose the appropriate alternative to answer each question, from the previous text.

4) In which sport did the Poll sisters win medals? In _____

- A fishing
- B jogging
- C swimming
- D taekwondo

5) What kind of activity is canopy? It is _____ sport.

- A a martial
- B a surfing
- C an indoor
- D an outdoor

6) In which sport, do the players score goals to win the game?

- A Baseball
- B Fishing
- C Soccer
- D Chess

Read the dialogue.

Situation: Ken and Richard were talking in the cafeteria.



Ken : When did you play basketball at school?

Richard: In September, October and November.

Ken : When did you take vacation?

Richard: In December. Are you going to participate in the festival in January?

Ken : No. Because I have to work at the farm. I'm going to participate in the other one on June 2nd.

Richard: Are you going to play baseball with the school team?

Ken : Yes, they are going to begin on April 15th, but I am going to start on May 1st with them.

Richard: Are you going home in July?

Ken : No, I'm going home in February because my sister is going to come here in March.

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence from the previous dialogue.

7) Richard _____.

- A worked at the farm in April
- B played basketball at school
- C was on vacation in November
- D participated in a festival in September

8) The _____ is going to begin in April.

- A vacation
- B school course
- C baseball game
- D basketball game

Read the text.

MANÁ, the popular rock Mexican group, was in Costa Rica to give a concert. Many of its fans were there to enjoy its music.

Teleguía interviewed Adrián Zurita who came with the group. He has been with the rock band for several years and he is the creator of many of the ideas that Maná shows on television. Adrián was the creative writer in the last three audiovideos of the group: Angel de Amor, Eres Mi Religión, and Mariposa Traicionera.

Zurita said that in this business, it is necessary to use a lot of resources to get to the public. Today, videos on television are the best way to be near the audience. With a video, you can be in many places at the same time.

Maná is working on the recording of a new video "Sábanas Frías", in which Rubén Blades participates.



Adapted from "TELEGUÍA", LA NACIÓN

Select the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence, from the previous text.

9) MANÁ came to Costa Rica to _____

- A prepare a new audiovideo
- B do business with its writer
- C give a concert to its fans
- D interview Adrián Zurita

10) Adrián Zurita is _____

- A a writer for Teleguía
- B the new member of the group
- C a creative member of the group
- D the singer of the song Mariposa Traicionera

11) Mr. Zurita thinks that videos _____

- A are useless
- B have only three shows
- C get the group closer to the public
- D make Rubén Blades participate in them

Read the text.



People in the big cities live an exciting life. Most of them are professionals. Their activities are related to business, culture, sports, music, science and technology. People who live in the cities don't have time to visit their neighbors, friends and families.

Many people work far from their houses and they take buses to their jobs. There is too much pollution because there are many factories and smoke from cars, taxis and buses. The rivers are contaminated with toxic chemicals and garbage.

Many famous people like to live in the city. For example, Naomi Campbell is a celebrity. She's a famous model. She lives in the city of Manhattan in the U.S.A, but she is from England.

Select the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence, from the previous text.

12) Naomi _____

- A lives in a big city
- B lives near her family
- C likes to practice sports
- D always has time to visit her friends

13) Mrs. Campbell _____

- A is a celebrity
- B studies business
- C is an American woman
- D enjoys living in England

14) Naomi Campbell _____

- A lives in England
- B is a popular model
- C is a famous scientist
- D works in technological projects

Read the text.

Gabriel García Márquez

He is a very intelligent and creative man who loves to tell stories. Movies and anything about stories fascinate him. He is sensitive and very interested in politics and social issues in Latin America, and the world in general .

He is active and hard-working. He gets up at 5:00 a.m. every day. He reads the newspaper. He types stories on the computer. In the evenings, he visits friends. Most of his friends are journalists. Many times a year, he gives seminars. His nickname is "El Maestro."

Adapted from Network

Select the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence, from the previous text.

15) Mr. García _____.

- A) writes stories for movies
- B) visits friends in the mornings
- C) writes articles for newspapers
- D) likes politics and social topics

16) Gabriel García _____.

- A) types stories
- B) creates movies
- C) loves computers
- D) writes newspapers

17) Gabriel García Márquez _____.

- A) is a politician
- B) is a journalist
- C) works hard in seminars
- D) reads books about just politics

Read the text.

Travelling by car is really cheap. Nearly half of foreign tourists to Costa Rica rent a car. Exploring the country by car allows total freedom of movement. They can cover a lot of places without the timely interruption of buses, and they can stop anywhere they want. The exception is San José where a car can be a distinct obligation. A disadvantage is that the car during working hours is a furious animal, and every pedestrian is a "torero".

Highways join many of the major towns in the Meseta Central where roads are well marked. Most popular beaches can be reached by car. Outside of the Meseta, however, roads generally are deteriorated.

Adapted from Costa Rica Handbook, Cristopher P. Baker

Choose the appropriate alternative to answer each question, from the previous text.

18) What do foreign tourists in Costa Rica prefer to? To _____

- A drive on deteriorated roads
- B rent a car to explore the country
- C visit places in the country by bus
- D reach popular beaches just in the Meseta Central

19) According to the text, what's an advantage of travelling by car?

- A It's cheap.
- B Tourists can't rent it.
- C People can't go anywhere.
- D It's a distinct obligation outside of the city.

20) What happens to the roads outside of the Meseta Central? They _____

- A have highways
- B have many lines
- C are in bad conditions
- D are in excellent conditions

Read the text.

Buses are the most important means of transportation for millions of Americans; yellow school buses carry students to and from the schools every weekday. Local buses carry workers from one city to another. Buses are cheaper than other means of transportation to go to work or to school.

There are many means of transportation in the different regions of America. People can ride a horse, a bike, a motorcycle or travel by car, truck or taxi, but without buses many Americans can't get where they are going.



Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence, from the previous text.

21) According to the text, in America _____.

- A everybody travels by car
- B most people travel by taxi
- C there are few means of transportation
- D the bus is the most important means of transportation

22) To travel by bus is _____.

- A very fast
- B inexpensive
- C more expensive
- D only for workers

23) According to the text, _____.

- A workers prefer to drive to work
- B Americans can live without buses
- C students take the yellow bus to school
- D people choose to ride a bike than go on a bus

Read the text.

When I finished high school, I went back home to Brazil. I took computer programming classes. I thought, "I can get a good job." Then, I came to the United States, to California. My idea was to go to college. I wanted to study computer science. I didn't speak good English, so I had to go to an adult school to learn the language.

I watched a lot of English TV programs. I especially liked programs about the environment and its problems. So, I began to worry about the land, air, water, and animals. I saw dead animals in oil in Alaska. I saw air pollution in many cities. And I learned a lot about my own country.

In Brazil, people are cutting down the rain forests. Most of my friends don't think about the environment. Back home, I never thought about it either.

I wrote letters to environmental organizations such as Greenpeace and the Sierra Club. They sent me lots of information! Then on National Beach Clean-Up Day, I volunteered to help. They made me the leader of a team of volunteers at Santa Monica Beach. It was hot, dirty, difficult job but it was exciting.

I'm going to study environmental science. My specialization will be marine mammals - dolphins, whales, and sea lions.

Lourdes Oliveira

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence, from the previous text.

24) Lourdes saw _____ in Alaska.

- A dead animals
- B the rain forest
- C many volunteers
- D whale and sea lion programs

25) Lourdes _____

- A preferred to watch programs about environmental problems
- B studied about dirty beaches in an adult school
- C didn't learn about her country's rain forests
- D didn't worry about land, water and animals

26) Lourdes got a lot of information about the environment by _____.

- A visiting her friends
- B using the computer
- C going back home to Brazil
- D writing different organizations

27) Lourdes participated in the National Beach Clean-Up Day _____.

- A in her own country
- B as a volunteer leader of a team
- C when she studied environmental science
- D after she saw people cutting down the rain forests

28) Most of Lourdes' friends _____.

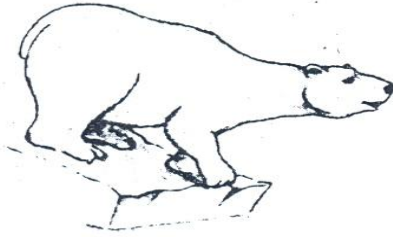
- A live in Alaska
- B don't go to college
- C don't worry about the environment
- D participated in the National Beach Clean-Up Day

29) Lourdes plans to study _____.

- A English
- B Computing
- C Programming
- D Environmental Science

Read the article.

Circus polar bears are now an international problem. The largest member of the bear family, polar bears are ill-equipped to handle the hot, tropical sun in Central America. These bears were imported from the United States and are now preserved in violation of national and international laws. Costa Rica was one of the first countries to oppose the cruel treatment of these animals; therefore, from now on circuses will not be permitted to do shows using any other type of animals from polar places in tropical zones.



Adapted from The Veterinary Association

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence, from the previous article.

30) This article is about the _____.

- A circus equipment
- B tropical weather in Costa Rica
- C maintenance of polar bears in Costa Rica
- D prohibition of presenting polar animals in tropical zones

31) Polar bears _____.

- A live in Costa Rica
- B come from tropical countries
- C are imported from the United States
- D are animals to be presented in all types of circus

Read the text.

Electric Fondue Pot

The stick-free Cuisinart™ Electric Fondue Set has a heating element built into the base of the pot and a thermostat that adjusts to a wide range of temperature settings.

Consumers can prepare melted (turned soft or into liquid) chocolate, cheese or oil fondues in this elegant three-quart brushed stainless steel pot. As always, Cuisinart makes cleanup easy.

Product Features:

Three-quart capacity

Dishwasher-safe fondue pot

Adjustable temperature probe with eight settings

Eight fondue forks



Adapted from:
<http://www.cuisinart.com/>

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence, from the previous text.

- 32) The stainless steel part of the Cuisinart™ Electric Fondue Set is the _____.
- A pot
 - B fork
 - C stick
 - D dishwasher
- 33) According to the features, the Electric Fondue Set has _____.
- A two thermostats
 - B adjustable temperature
 - C only two temperature settings
 - D a pot with only a two quart capacity
- 34) The Cuisinart™ Electric Fondue is used to _____.
- A melt certain food into liquid
 - B carve pieces of chocolate
 - C bake cheese
 - D toast cheese

Read the text.

Guide for Washing Machine

- According to the operation function and washing programs, washing machines are classified into the following three types: automatic, semi-automatic and non-automatic washing machines.
- According to operation principles, washing machines are classified into the following three types: drum-type, agitator-type and impeller-type.
- From appearance, washing machines are classified into front-load and top-open types.
- Pay attention to the information of the choice of water temperature, different washing programs, spin speed, etc.
- A safety lock can prevent the door of the machine from opening while the spinning tub is still turning.
- The washing machine may have a low or high water outlet position.



Adapted from:
<http://www.heh.com/>

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence according to the previous text.

- 35) A washing machine's automatic system denotes its _____
- A operation function
 - B appearance
 - C spin speed
 - D position
- 36) The lock is an important part of the washing machine located in the _____
- A tub
 - B door
 - C drum
 - D agitator
- 37) Follow the instructions on how to operate the washing machine, so _____
- A use all types of operation principles at the same time
 - B do not use non-automatic washing machines
 - C do not take into account the washing programs
 - D check the different washing programs

Read the text.

COMPUTER SIZES AND POWER

Computers can be generally classified by size and power as follows, though there is considerable overlap (aspects related):

- **Personal computer:** A small, single-user computer based on a microprocessor.
- **Workstation:** A powerful, single-user computer. A workstation is like a personal computer, but it has a more powerful microprocessor and, in general, a higher-quality monitor.
- **Minicomputer:** A multi-user computer capable of supporting up to hundreds of users simultaneously.
- **Mainframe:** A powerful multi-user computer capable of supporting many hundreds or thousands of users simultaneously.
- **Supercomputer:** An extremely fast computer that can perform hundreds of millions of instructions per second.

Adapted from the Internet

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence, based on the previous text.

38) A _____ is a computer based on the microprocessor.

- A mainframe
- B mini computer
- C super computer
- D personal computer

39) A supercomputer is able to _____

- A work as a micro computer
- B be used by a few users per second
- C use hundreds of computers by size
- D do millions of instructions per second

40) A mainframe can support thousands of users _____

- A based on the monitor
- B at the same time
- C at a low rate
- D little by little

41) A workstation is _____

- A an extremely slow computer
- B a small single-user computer
- C a powerful single-user computer
- D a low quality single-user computer

Read the text.

There is a computer for every use under heaven, or so it seems. Let's look at the kinds of computers that exist based on general performance levels.

1. PERSONAL OR MICRO

These computers are computers for personal use. They come in all shapes and sizes, from tiny PDAs (Personal Digital Assistant) to hefty (large and heavy) PC (personal computer) towers. More specialized models are announced each week - trip planners, expense account PADs, and language translators.

2. MAIN FRAME

The main frame is the workhorse of the business world. A main frame is the heart of a network of computers or terminals which allows hundreds of people to work at the same time on the same data. It requires a special environment - cold and dry.

3. SUPERCOMPUTERS.

The supercomputer is at the top of the line in power and expense. These are used for jobs that take massive amounts of calculating, like weather forecasting, engineering design and testing, economic forecasting, etc.

Adapted from the Internet

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence, based on the previous text.

42) The text describes _____

- A a main frame only
- B just personal computers
- C three different supercomputers
- D three different types of computers

43) Weather and economic forecasting use _____

- A PDAs
- B main frame
- C supercomputers
- D personal computers

44) The main frame permits people to work _____

- A on specialized models
- B slowly on the same data
- C simultaneously on the same data
- D on massive numbers of environments

45) Language translators and account PADs are _____ computers.

- A just tiny
- B massive
- C personal
- D only hefty

Read the text.

Nomads are constantly moving, looking for better pastures. They are incredibly strong and healthy.

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence, from the previous text.

46) The root word of “constantly” is _____.

- A tly
- B cons
- C const
- D constant

47) The words “moving” and “looking” have affixes _____.

- A at the beginning
- B in the middle
- C in two parts
- D at the end

Read the article.

Last year, four children waited for their school bus every day. They stood at the same dirty place at ten minutes before the bus came. There were old bottles, parts from old bikes, and empty soda cans on the ground. There were no flowers and the trees were dry with no leaves. It was ugly.

One day, one of the children looked at the corner and decided to do something. She had ten minutes to wait for the bus. She brought a bag and collected all the old bottles to recycle. Her best friend put the soda cans in a different bag to recycle. On the second day, all the children helped to find things to recycle and put the other things in the garbage can. The corner was clean! The next day the girl brought some seeds and planted them. The children helped the girl to water the plants. After one month, the ugly dirty corner was a beautiful garden. The children only took ten minutes a day to change an ugly place.

Adapted from Best Friends

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence according to the previous article.

48) The children disliked the bus stop because it was _____.

- A full of trees
- B a nice place
- C dirty and horrible
- D beautiful and clean

49) The children wanted to _____.

- A pollute the street corner
- B destroy the leaves from the trees
- C recycle all the garbage they found
- D throw old bottles and soda cans on the corner

50) The children changed the dirty street corner into a _____.

- A soda cans
- B bus station
- C place full of leaves
- D better and nice place

51) The children _____ the plants every day.

- A threw
- B watered
- C recycled
- D collected

Read the text.

Sources of information vary according to the topic the person wants to be informed. Newspapers, for example, contain a great amount of articles about different topics.

The news (new information about anything) of everyday national and international events is in a special section of the newspaper. Also, people can find information about jobs and their requirements to apply for. The entertainment section is available for those who want to be informed about the schedules of films, theater, shows, and much more.

Those who love sports can get all they want to know about their favorite team and its good or bad participation in the games. Newspapers inform people about political current events, too. Some newspapers have articles about health, music and art. Newspapers are a very good source of information for those who prefer to read than to listen to the news by radio or watch TV.

Choose the appropriate alternative to complete each sentence based on the previous text.

52) According to the text, newspapers _____

- A are the most important source of information
- B inform just about a specific topic
- C have a big variety of articles
- D have a single article

53) Newspapers give information about _____

- A health and art
- B local events only
- C an exclusive topic
- D a limited number of events

54) The text is about _____

- A the schedule of TV shows
- B the schedule of radio news
- C an important source of information
- D just to inform about political events

55) People who like to go to the theatre _____

- A become a sport player
- B are part of international events
- C can find information in the entertainment section
- D are able to participate in different games